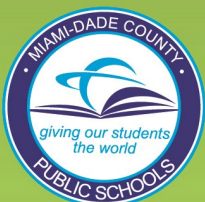


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Raising to New Heights

Ms. Lianet Lopez was born and raised in Granma, Cuba. She studied Automatic Control at Oriente University and earned a Bachelor's degree. Ms. Lopez moved to Miami, Florida in 2004 after graduation. Her main focus and goal was to become an educated professional in the United States. Ms. Lopez realized that in order to reach her dreams, she needed to continue her education and learn English. That determination led her to the SAVES program at Miami Sunset Adult Educational Center. The program gave her the opportunity to study English in the morning and the Web Developer and Programming vocational course at night. Soon after she graduated, Ms. Lopez was able to start an internship as a web developer at Miami-Dade County Public Schools (M-DCPS) where she put into practice all the knowledge she gained from the courses she studied through the SAVES program. Eight months later, due to her effort and knowledge, she became a fulltime employee as a Senior Programmer Analyst with M-DCPS. As far as future plans, she will continue her studies to attain a Master's Degree. Ms. Lopez indicated that her life has been completely transformed with the help of the SAVES program, and she is really thankful.

In her own words, "The SAVES program is great and has very good teachers that prepare and inspire the students to be good professionals." Ms. Lopez is honored to be one of many people that the

SAVES program has helped. She is grateful to the SAVES program and its excellent teachers. Because of them, she was able to learn English and the skills that are needed to obtain employment in the United States. Also, she is happy to have gained even more knowledge in software development and is looking forward to getting her Master's Degree. We foresee a great future for Ms. Lopez.

